



October 15, 2014

Item No. 3

## **RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE CHA'S PROPOSED FY2015 MOVING TO WORK ANNUAL PLAN**

**To the Honorable Board of Commissioners:**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners approve the attached FY2015 Moving to Work (MTW) Annual Plan and grant authorization to submit the document to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for approval.

The Chief of Staff, MTW Policy and Reporting Department and the Office of the General Counsel, have completed all necessary due diligence to support the submission of this initiative and recommend the approval of this item accordingly.

### **CORPORATE GOAL**

Submission of the Proposed FY2015 MTW Annual Plan fulfills CHA's annual reporting requirements and supports CHA's goal of continued successful compliance with the obligations of HUD's Moving to Work Demonstration Program. The Proposed FY2015 MTW Annual Plan supports the implementation of Plan Forward initiatives and CHA's ongoing efforts to pursue the three statutory objectives of the MTW Demonstration Program.

**FUNDING:** Not applicable.

### **GENERAL BACKGROUND**

CHA and HUD signed the original Moving to Work (MTW) Agreement on February 6, 2000 which allowed CHA to implement the original Plan for Transformation. CHA's Amended and Restated MTW Agreement with HUD was fully executed on June 26, 2008 which extended CHA's participation in the MTW Demonstration Program through FY2018.

In April 2013, CHA unveiled a new strategic plan, *Plan Forward: Communities that Work*, which outlines the agency's newly articulated mission and strategic goals that will guide CHA's current and future work. As CHA implements Plan Forward initiatives, the agency will continue to pursue the three statutory objectives of the MTW Demonstration Program:

- *MTW Statutory Objective I:* Increase housing choices for low-income families.
- *MTW Statutory Objective II:* Give incentives to families with children where the head of household is working, seeking work, or is preparing for work by participating in job training, educational programs, or programs that assist people to obtain employment and become economically self-sufficient.
- *MTW Statutory Objective III:* Reduce costs and achieve greater cost effectiveness in federal expenditures.

As part of the MTW Agreement, CHA is required to submit an Annual Plan to HUD, due 75 days prior to the start of CHA's fiscal year. The MTW Annual Plan provides required information on planned operations and activities for the fiscal year, including proposed new MTW activities that require HUD approval.

In May 2013, HUD issued a revised Form 50900 (Attachment B to the Amended and Restated MTW Agreement) which outlines new requirements for the content of MTW Annual Plans/Reports and for tracking the impact of MTW activities. CHA's Proposed FY2015 MTW Annual Plan is the first annual plan document in which CHA must fully adopt these new reporting requirements. CHA continues to work with HUD to ensure compliance with the new Form 50900.

Prior to submission of the Proposed FY2015 MTW Annual Plan to the Board, a 30-day public comment period was conducted from September 3 through October 3, 2014. Announcements for the public comment process appeared on CHA's website and in the Chicago Defender (September 3 and 10) and Chicago Sun-Times and Hoy newspapers (Sept 3-9, weekdays only).

During the public comment period, both residents and the public alike were able to submit comments orally and in writing, regarding the information contained in the Proposed FY2015 MTW Annual Plan. CHA held two public hearings during the comment period, on September 17 and September 18, 2014. Prior to finalizing the Proposed FY2015 MTW Annual Plan, CHA gave consideration to comments received during the public comment period.

CHA has complied with the requirements of the Amended and Restated MTW Agreement and HUD regulations regarding annual plans and amendments. Due to CHA's October Board schedule, HUD has extended the deadline for submitting the Proposed FY2015 MTW Annual Plan to October 24, 2014.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with all applicable Chicago Housing Authority board policies and all applicable federal (HUD) regulations.

The Chief of Staff concurs with the recommendation to approve the Proposed FY2015 MTW Annual Plan.

The CEO recommends the approval of the Proposed FY2015 MTW Annual Plan and submission to HUD by the deadline of October 24, 2014.

Based upon the foregoing, it is recommended that the Board approve the Proposed FY2015 MTW Annual Plan and grant authorization to the Chief Executive Officer, the Board Chairperson, or their designee to approve any final updates as deemed necessary to submit the Proposed FY2015 MTW Annual Plan to HUD for approval by the deadline of October 24, 2014.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-CHA-100**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners has reviewed the Board Letter dated October 15, 2014 requesting approval of the Proposed FY2015 MTW Annual Plan, attached hereto;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY**

- THAT** the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the FY2015 MTW Annual Plan, and the form, *Certifications of Compliance with Regulations* from Attachment B to the Amended and Restated MTW Agreement.
- THAT** the Board of Commissioners (“Board”) authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to approve any final changes to the Proposed FY2015 MTW Annual Plan. Such approval shall constitute conclusive evidence of the Board’s approval of any and all such changes.
- THAT** this approval of the Proposed FY2015 MTW Annual Plan supersedes any and all conflicting language found in prior CHA MTW Annual Plans.
- THAT** the Board of Commissioners hereby grants authorization to submit the Proposed FY2015 MTW Annual Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development by the deadline of October 24, 2014.



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